AN English OINTMENT FOR THE Scotch Mange: OR,

A Short Memorandum of the *Scots* Cruelty to Captain *Thomas Green*, &c.

THE reſt of the Town (as well as the *Eaſt-India* Companies, whom it moſt nearly concerns) ſeem very much ſurpriz'd at the *Heathenish Barbarity*, which the *Scotch Rabble* have forc'd their *Magiſtracy* to Cruelly Execute upon Captain *Thomas Green*, Commander, Captain *John Madder*, Chief-Mate, and *James Simpſon*, Gunner of an *India* Ship, Nam'd the *Worceſter*, who in their laſt Dying Words, have ſo Unanimouſly clear'd themſelves of the *Piracy*, *Robbery*, and *Murder*, ſo *Baſely*, *Falſely* and *Revengefully* charg'd againſt them; and, thro' Heavens Aſſiſtance in the laſt Moments of their *Extreamity*, have given to the World ſuch Manifeſtations of their Innocence, that there is not room for any Man, who can Juſtly ſtile himſelf a *Chriſtian*, to doubt of their Sincerity.

Theſe *Raſh*, *Inſolent* and *Cruel Proceedings* of the *Scots*, againſt ſo many *Engliſh* Subjects at this Time of Day, in Diſhonour to Her Majeſty's *Crown* and *Dignity*, by whom, in a Dangerous Juncture, they are protected in all Safety, and to whom, by all Juſt and Lawful Obligations, as well as their own Solemn Promiſes and Aſſurances they owe their *Faithful Allegiance*, have caus'd many Judicious Heads to ſuſpect, *(viz.)* That the *Scots* ſeeing *England* at this preſent ſo deeply engag'd in the Preſervation of *Europe*, againſt the Common Enemy, have conceiv'd this a lucky Opportunity to looſen the Bonds of their Subjection, and to pick a Quarrel with *England*, hoping, by ſome *Rebellious Overtures* (as Affairs now ſtand) to bring the Government of *England* under a Neceſſity of granting them ſuch *Immunities*, which at all times hitherto have ſeem'd unreaſonable, and indeed, can never be reſign'd to gratifie the Surquedry of the *Scotch*, without very much weakening and impairing the *Engliſh Conſtitution*; ſo that if ever they attempt to extort that by a *Rebellious Violence*, which *England* never thought fit to grant upon their Humble Solicitations. Before they give us the leaſt trouble they ought to be well aſſur'd of Succeſs; for ſhould they prove ſuch ill *Marks-men* as to miſs of their Aim, I believe I may venture to tell them ſo much for their Comfort, that they will find they have made themſelves the moſt Miſerable Kingdom in the Univerſe. Theſe Conſiderations a Man would think were ſufficient, at all times, to bind them to their Allegiance, and keep them Peaceable and Quiet.

I muſt confeſs, they have of late done many things ſufficient to Allarm Us, if we conſider their denying the *Act of Settlement*, and making it Death for any Perſon to *Nominate* a *Succeſſor*; their Arming their *Militia*, and making themſelves *Formidable*; their Seizing a Rich *Engliſh Ship*, *Hanging* the *Captain* and ſeveral other *Engliſh Subjects*, upon the Evidence of *Perfidious Infidels*, *Revengeful Negroes*, *Baptiz'd* by the *Scots*, on purpoſe to qualifie them the better for their *Perjur'd Villany*, which was ſuch a *Blaſphemy* to *God*, and *Scandal* to the *Chriſtian Religion*, that ſure, before now, was never brought upon any *Faith* by thoſe that profeſs'd it, and this done, that the *Scots* might have a better pretence to *Condemn* the *Ship* as *Prize*, and *Confiſcate* the *Cargo* to their own uſe, upon no other Grounds, and for no other Reaſons, as I can hear, but becauſe a Rich *Ship* of theirs happen'd to fall into the hands of ſome of the *Madagaſcar Pirates*, for it is Credibly Reported, that ſeveral *Affidavits* have been made in *London* by Maſters of *Ships*, and others carry'd into *Madagaſcar*, and afterward Releaſed, that they ſaw Captain *Drummond*, and ſeveral of his *Crew* in that *Iſland*, which is a further Teſtimony of their *Innocence*, who have wrongfully ſuffer'd Death under ſo *Falſe* an *Accuſation*. I muſt confeſs, I ſay theſe *Inſolencies* offer'd by the *Scotch* at this time of day to *England*, whoſe Protection they have happily enjoy'd upon all Occaſions, ever ſince the *Union* between both *Kingdoms* appears to all Men with ſuch an *Ill Boding* and *Deſigning Aſpect*, that we cannot look upon ſuch *Groſs Affronts*, without ſuſpecting they have ſome *Evil Project* in *Agitation*, that is well worthy of our *Engliſh Vigilance:* But what their *Arcanum* is, may be ſomething difficult to truly Explain, and not ſafe to gueſs at; for I have always obſerved, it is not only an *Unthankful*, but a *Dangerous Office* for any Man to Surprize a *Nation*, with approaching Miſchiefs without Order from *Authority*; I ſhall therefore leave every Man to make his own *Judgment* of the *Scotch Proceedings*, which, if well conſider'd with the *Preſent Poſtures* of *Affairs*, they will be eaſily perſwaded to believe that our *Freckly Neighbours* are deſigning ſome *Advantages* to themſelves, which *England*, notwithſtanding our *Foreign Expeditions*, ought to be very watchful to prevent, leaſt at an ill time, when we are moſt Unguarded, we ſhould chance to be ſurpriz'd with

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what we do not ſuſpect, and forc'd to ſuffer what we ſhould be careful to avoid.

Had not the *French* King at this Juncture, ſo many ſundry ways to employ his Gold for his own Safety, without ſending it to *Scotland*, we might have thought that ſome of his *Lewis d' Or's* had taken Wing from *Paris* to *Edenborough*, and that they had prov'd the Chief *Incendiaries* that had widen'd the difference between the *United Kingdoms*; but if we do but rightly Conſider how much the *French* King wants *Money*, and how little the *Scots* are to be Truſted, I think, at this preſent, there are but ſmall Grounds for ſuch an *Idle Suſpicion*.

Some *Coffee-Houſe Politicians* there are, who entertain a *Wild Notion* of a *Diſcontented Party* in our own *Bowels*, who are ſo wonderfully Affected to the *Scotch Int'reſt*, becauſe of their *Anti Epiſcopal Principles*, that they are ready, upon all Occaſions, to give the *Scots* their Aſſiſtance in any *Vile Enterprize* they ſhall enter upon, that does but tend to the overthrow of the *Church Hierarchy*, and the further *Eſtabliſhment* of the *Preſbyterian Kirk*; what Grounds they have for their *Opinion*, I cannot readily conceive, nor what *Party* we can have among our ſelves that *England* need fear. If they can propoſe to themſelves no better a method of doing the *Church* an *Injury* and *Themſelves* a *Kindneſs*, than by Truſting the *Lives* and *Fortunes* of *Themſelves* and *Families*, into the *Mangy Hands* of ſo *Perfidious* a *People*, that never had ſo much *Religion* to prefer *Gods Cauſe* to their *Intereſt*, or ever had they ſo much *Honeſty* as to be *Faithful* to their *Words*, but for their own *Ends*, or ever ſo little *Treachery* as not to betray for *Money*. As for the *Preſbyterians* in *England*, I look upon them to be Wiſe enough to Underſtand and Conſider well the Happyneſs they Enjoy, under the *Protection* and *Indulgence* of a *Mild* and *Proſperous Government*, for ever to hazard the *Eaſe*, *Liberty* and *Welfare* they Poſſeſs, in Confederating with a *Hungry People*, who, like *Pharoahs Lean-Kine*, want nothing but an Opportunity to devour thoſe who are Fatter than themſelves, and if any Body thinks the *Preſbyterians* in *England*, are ſuch Pamper'd *Fools* as to run into the Mouths of them; I both believe and hope, they'll find themſelves, at the winding up of the bottom, very much miſtaken. Had the *Engliſh Preſbytery* been Abridg'd of their *Tolleration*, Excluded from Poſts of *Authority*, and all *Profitable Employments* under the *Government*, reduc'd Low, double Taxed and Oppreſſed, and withal Exaſperated, by a Severe Perſecution, I know not how far ſuch Extreamities would have excited them to have been well Wiſhers to a *Scotch* Intereſt; but as the Caſe ſtands now, and they enjoy all the *Freedoms* and *Immunities* that good Subjects can in Reaſon aſk, and all that a *Wiſe* and *Gentle* Government can with *Honour* and *Safety* grant: I cannot imagine what, beſides the Blackeſt Principles of *Ingratitude*, or the moſt *degenerate Stupidity* that ever Beſotted Mankind, could ever make any Party of Men ſuch a Generation of *Fools* or *Madmen*, as to joyn with a parcel of Beggarly *Male-Contents*, in the diſquieting a Proſperous State, under which, if they pleaſe themſelves, they are aſſur'd of enjoying all the Comforts and Benefits that can be deſir'd or expected by a Reaſonable People; nay, and to engage in ſuch a Miſchief, and Endanger their Lives and Fortunes with no other real Proſpect than to be made Miſerable; for if they prevail not, they can hope for nothing but the Reward of *Rebels*, to compleat the Ruin of themſelves and Families. And if Succeſs by Accident ſhould Crown their Villanies, (which God of his Mercy always forbid) they would find among their Scabby Confederates, ſo much *Hunger* and *Poverty*, and ſo little *Gratitude* and *Mercy*, that thoſe who had ſpent their Eſtates in the Promotion of the Good Work, would be Rewarded as well by the *Scots* for their Zeal and Liberality, as the *Cavaliers*, after the *Reſtauration*, were for their Faithful Service and their Loyalty.

Therefore, ſince the Inducements are ſo ſmall for any *Engliſhman* to be drawn over to a *Scotch* Intereſt, I cannot have ſo little Charity for any Party, as to think they deſire their own Native Country to be Over-run, or Harraſs'd with a Louſie Generation of Perfidious Wretches, made Cruel to others by their own Wants, and Mangy by their own Idleneſs, and would, where ever they ſhould come, breed more Plagues from their *Habitual Naſtineſs*, than *Ægypt* ever knew under Heavens ſore Diſpleaſure. Therefore, pray God keep them at their proper diſtance, that they may never Infect us with their Itch or their Principles, neither Baſtardiſe our Breed with Poiſon'd Pates and Freckly Faces, but always live within the Starving Limits of their own Barren Country, till *Cleaveland*, riſing from his Grave, ſhall become their *Moſes*, and lead them into the *Engliſh Canaan* that overflows with *Milk* and *Honey*. *Amen*.

POSTSCRIPT.

IT is Credibly Reported That the two *Negroes*, upon whoſe *Infamous* and *Perjur'd* Evidence, Captain *Thomas Green*, his Mate, and Gunner were *Convicted* and *Executed*, were kept ſuch cloſe Priſoners, that none but ſuch Perſons as were appointed, could have any Acceſs to them, leſt they ſhould be tempted to betray the Villany they had committed; but the better to conceal the Wicked Meaſures and Practices the *Scots* had us'd in their late Barbarous Proceeding, the *Negroes* are ſince found Dead in Priſon, ſuppos'd to be Poiſon'd, that they might not be prevail'd upon to confeſs the Truth, and Recant their Evidence.

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